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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 4, 2010.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.